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## **Attorney General Brown Joins Coalition Supporting EPA's Proposal to Strengthen Dust-Lead Regulations** *Proposed Regulations Could Reduce Adverse Health Effects in Low-Income Communities*

**BALTIMORE, MD (October 4, 2023)** – Maryland Attorney General Anthony G. Brown joined a coalition of 13 Attorneys General supporting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposal to strengthen dust-lead hazard standards and post-abatement clearance levels, as authorized by the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

In a [comment letter](#), Attorney General Brown and the coalition strongly support the EPA's efforts to strengthen its dust-lead hazard standards and clearance levels, two important regulations that help to protect the public against dangerous dust-lead and lead paint exposures.

The EPA's proposed regulations are based upon several scientific studies that found that there is no safe level of lead exposure. Even very low levels of lead exposure can lead to serious health effects. For example, lead exposure is associated with delayed growth and lower academic performance in young children.

"I commend the EPA's effort to prevent lead poisoning in children. These long-overdue measures will particularly benefit those living in poverty who bear the brunt of lead exposure," **said Attorney General Brown**. "Fine lead dust is invisible. The simple and life-sustaining act of breathing shouldn't result in the lead poisoning of any child."

In sending the letter, Attorney General Brown joins the Attorneys General of California, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island.

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